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Former student, now star, performs today

Charlotte Martin will offer a free performance after lecture

By WILLIE GRIGGS
STAFF WRITER

Distinguished alternative singer and Eastern alumnus Charlotte Martin will visit Eastern's campus today.

Martin, the daughter of Associate Music Professor Joseph Martin, will hold a brief discussion session in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union followed by a free performance from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will also give a presentation about her experiences as an Eastern student.

"She is coming to visit because it is somewhat of a tradition for her," Joseph Martin said.

Charlotte Martin will also answer questions about working in the music industry. After her presentation, she will conduct a 30-minute greeting session during which some of her fans, family members and former teachers will be able to speak to her personally.

"I am very surprised that she's coming to campus because I really enjoy her relaxing music," said Juan Talbert, a junior mass communications major.

Some students are very excited that she is making an appearance at Eastern.

"If this event were a concert, I'd probably stand in line for hours just to get a ticket," said Elizabeth Richards, junior journalism major.

"Wild Horses," a song originally written by the Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, is the first single off Martin's debut album "On Your Shore," which otherwise comprises the artist's original compositions, according to the New York Times online.

Charlotte Martin's music has been compared to other artists who also may be familiar to students.

"Her music is very similar to that of Vanessa Carlton's," said Lazerrick Young, a junior sociology major.



CHARLOTTE MARTIN

Cheater, pumpkin eater

By ALAINA TOSH
STAFF WRITER

Tests, papers and even homework can all cause panic for the average student and can even make some think about committing academic dishonesty.

While it is assumed some students cheat and get away with it, many students do not.

When a student is caught cheating, there is a standard process the Office of Judicial Affairs, professor and student follow. The notation of academic misconduct form is filled out by the faculty member that informs judicial affairs of the incident, said Keith Kohanzo, director of Judicial Affairs.

Kohanzo said the student is then brought to Judicial Affairs and to the University Judicial Board.

Eastern's student conduct code states that the University Judicial board is made up of hand-selected students, faculty and staff members by Shirley Stewart, vice president for student affairs.

Kohanzo said the board's purpose is to informally resolve problems with students and faculty members.

"When caught in academic dishonesty, a student must complete the MITT program," he said.

The multimedia integrity teaching tool program was created by Patricia Kieth-Spiegel of Ball State University, he said.

Kohanzo said MITT is a computer program that gives students information about academic dishonesty. It tries to make students aware of the importance of the conduct code and

offers alternatives for when the urge to cheat rises again.

"The program takes about six hours to complete," Kohanzo said. "They don't find it unpleasant, and we've seen positive results come from it."

In the 2003-04 school year, 114 academic misconduct cases were investigated, most of which were in areas of history and English on plagiarized papers, Kohanzo said. The most common punishment is an F in the course, or a reduced grade, along with the completion of the MITT program, he said.

Kohanzo said students are not allowed to drop the class after receiving the failing grade, and if a student tries to drop the class, the Judicial Affairs Office will place the student back on the class roster.

This tells students that if they are caught cheating, they will be unable to escape punishment, Kohanzo said.

He said academic dishonesty has increased at Eastern over the years, but that does not worry him.

"The increase, to me, means that teachers are doing their jobs and catching more students that cheat," Kohanzo said.

Many students said they notice and realize cheating on Eastern's campus.

Amber Borgart, a senior psychology major, said cheating on campus bothers her.

"It's not fair for someone to cheat and get a good grade when I put in the time and effort to study," she said.

She also said cheating causes a person

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Even professors get lectured

Faculty members give hints for annual year-end evaluations

By MATT POLI
STAFF WRITER

Over 25 faculty members were given helpful hints and useful information Thursday to include in portfolios for their annual evaluations.

Charles Delman, chapter president of university professionals of Illinois, and Jeff Cross, associate vice president for academic affairs, spoke to teachers about what to include in their portfolios and what to expect from evaluators.

"There's a widely mistaken belief that we should go by the weight of our portfolios," Cross said. "Concise portfolios are more preferred than the size of portfolios."

Delman encouraged teachers to save everything in their portfolios such as syllabi, letters and student evaluations.

"You're not going to use everything, but keep everything to select the best documentation to make your case," Delman said.

Faculty members who attended the workshop were interested in getting help for retention portfolios.

"Many people in your departments can help you with your portfolio; we're here only to give you a start," Delman said.

A sheet with tips on helping employees prepare their portfolio was given to audience members.

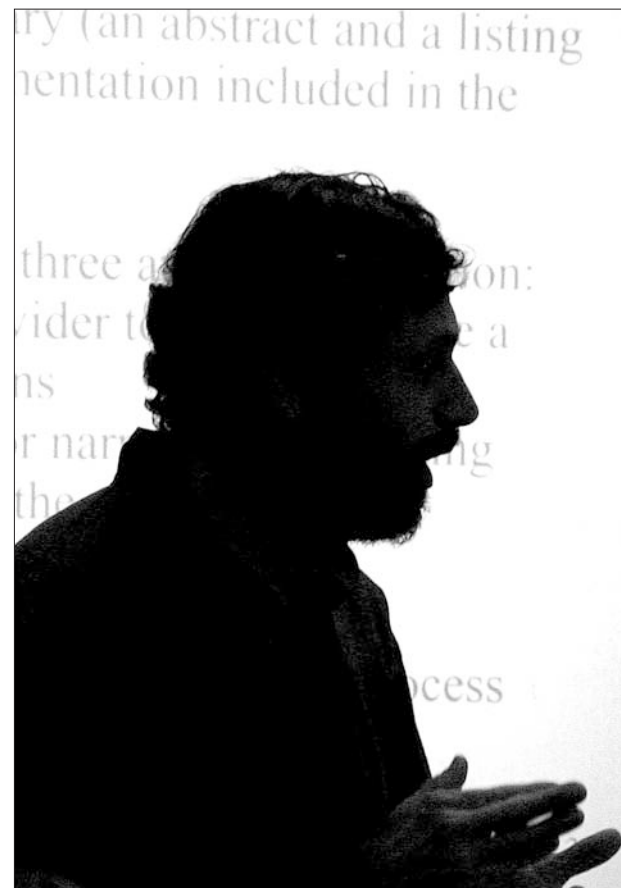
Among the tips listed on the sheet were to organize materials with different audiences in mind.

"Put yourself in the shoes of the reviewer," Cross said.

Delman informed the faculty about a personnel file, which faculty members are entitled to view in the Academic Affairs Office.

"Everyone's file is kept in an 8,000-pound fireproof file cabinet that you have the right to view and respond to," Cross said.

The portfolio preparation workshop will next take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Wed., Dec. 1 in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Charles Delman, professor of mathematics, talks to faculty members about how to put together a successful portfolio for tenure Thursday afternoon in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
61
53
Morning showers

SATURDAY
60
48
Cloudy

SUNDAY
58
37
Mostly cloudy

MONDAY
53
35
Mostly cloudy

TUESDAY
54
36
Few showers

AROUND ILLINOIS CAMPUSES

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY Road kill remover preps for deer mating season

It's not the most glamorous job, but someone's got to do it.

For the past four years, Mike Braun has worked as a maintenance field technician for the Illinois Department of Transportation. He fills in potholes and mows medians, but his most renowned job is collecting the carcasses of animals that meet their doom on the roadway.

Sometimes he gets calls from motorists, but more often than not he drives along state roads slowly, looking in ditches and trying to avoid irate tailgaters.

"The driving public wonders why our trucks are going so slow and get a little upset sometimes," said Braun, who is responsible for cleanup in Jackson and Perry counties. "But we're just trying to pick up bodies. No one likes driving along and seeing dead animals on the road."

And with the start of deer hunting season Friday, Braun said he and a team of others are not likely to have any slow workdays ahead. But that's OK with him, as long as the winter chill stays away.

Deer-vehicle collisions have been on the rise for the past five years, jumping more than 9 percent last year. In 2003, 25,660 deer-vehicle accidents were reported across the state, up from 23,645 in 2002, according to IDOT.

Braun said he has noticed the trend. In the past few years, he said he has picked up more deer every day. Earlier this week, he and his crew picked up seven bodies in one morning.

"It seems like in Southern Illinois, they don't really have any wild predators," Braun said. "I mean there are a few coyotes that pick off the sick and weak ones, but for the most part, I think it's just up to hunters to lower the population or cars."

Master Sgt. Rick Hector, spokesman of the Illinois State Police in Springfield, said these deer-vehicle accidents occur primarily because of a lax attitude and can easily be prevented by slowing down and being more aware of surroundings.

"Sometimes you will see one and think, 'OK, it's on the side of the road, everything is clear,'" Hector said. "But when there is one, there are usually more, and they are very unpredictable. They are kind of like children. When you see them in town playing near the road, your best defense is to slow down."

While deer-vehicle crashes can happen at any time of the day, Hector said that most accidents occur in the early morning and late evening when deer are most active. For those who cannot avoid traveling at these high-traffic times, Hector said it is best to prepare for the worst and have a plan of action.

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LETTING OFF SOME STEAM



COLIN McAUULIFFE/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Shane Stork of the Charleston Fire Department checks the water pressure and the hot-out water from a hydrant outside the Facilities and Planning Management Building Thursday morning. Stork and many others check the 132 hydrants scattered around Eastern's campus.

PEOPLE

Bill Gates gets four million e-mails a day

SINGAPORE - Bill Gates might not use AOL, but he's definitely got mail.

The Microsoft Corp. chairman receives millions of Internet messages a day, said Steve Ballmer, the company's chief executive. "Bill literally receives 4 million pieces of e-mail per day, most of it spam," Ballmer said Thursday.

Spam or junk e-mails are unsolicited messages, generally advertising goods or services and usually sent to many e-mail accounts simultaneously.

Ballmer said Microsoft has special technology that just filters spam intended for Gates. In addition, several Microsoft employees are dedicated to ensuring that nothing unwanted gets into his inbox.

"Literally there's a whole department almost that takes care of it," he said.

Ballmer was in Singapore for the company's Government Leader's forum, which ends Friday.

WTF?

Man allegedly fakes break-in to hock ring

MILFORD, Conn. - Is the wedding still on? That's one of the unanswered questions in the case of a Milford man who police say sold his fiancée's engagement ring after staging a break-in at the couple's home.

George Rich, 43, was charged Tuesday with falsely reporting an incident and providing a false statement. He was released on a written promise to appear in Superior Court on Dec. 7.

Police said Rich made the couple's home look like a burglar had broken in and stolen jewelry, including the gold engagement ring with diamonds. Court documents show Rich pawned the items for \$5,000 at the Hock It To Me shop on Bridgeport Avenue. On Sept. 21, Rich called police to report that burglars ransacked his home and stole a gold cocktail ring and the engagement ring, both valued at \$2,500. He also said a gold chain was missing.

Detectives became suspicious when they noticed Rich's name in a weekly update on pawnshop activity. Records from Hock It To Me showed that Rich pledged a gold chain and two gold rings - including the engagement ring - at the business on Sept. 14.

Rich later admitted the scheme to detectives, police said.

ONLINE POLL

This week we asked our readers how they feel about the results of the presidential election, now that 12 days have gone by since the reelection of President George W. Bush

44%
(76 VOTES)

A) I'm satisfied with the results.

53%
(91 VOTES)

B) The wrong candidate won.

3%
(6 VOTES)

C) I'm apathetic.

THIS IS NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL

COUNTING DOWN

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Days until classes resume after the break

WORD DU JOUR

caduceus
1. a figure of a staff with two snakes wound around it and two wings at the top.

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Renovations have begun for racquetball courts in Lantz Arena. Three of the five are planned to get new walls and flooring by the end of the year.

Racquetball Redo

Courts renovations now underway

BY TOBY WINN
STAFF WRITER

Over 40 years have passed and the age of the racquetball courts in Lantz Gymnasium are calling for renovations.

Two of the five racquetball courts were renovated a couple of years ago, said Charles Rohn, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

He said the plan is to complete the remaining three this year.

The renovations started last week, and the plan is to have all three courts completed sometime between Christmas and Spring Break, said Kenneth J. Baker, director of campus recreation.

The estimated cost to complete the renovations is \$139,000, Baker said.

"The three courts will receive a complete makeover with new flooring and new walls," Rohn said.

Ralph McCausland, head wrestling coach and instructor, is teaching a racquetball course this semester and said the difference between the two that have been recently renovated and the three that have not is obvious.

McCausland said he did not feel the renovations would affect his classes much.

"We have to look at class size and so forth," McCausland said.

The plan is to renovate one court at a time, so the construction will not interfere with recreation or classes, he said.

"Whenever we have the ability to get improvements it is a good thing," McCausland said.

"It will be nice to get the courts fixed," said Chad Buccini, a senior health studies major who is also taking the racquetball course this semester.

Buccini said all the courts are playable, but two or three courts have paint chipping and/or divots in them.

Buccini said the courts typically are not busy during the day, but they can get a little crowded in the evening.

Anyone wanting to play can rent racquetball equipment for no charge at the equipment center in Lantz, Buccini said.

Rohn said the renovations are being coordinated and completed by the Facilities Planning and Management personnel.

"Their efforts will allow us to have a much better facility for students and faculty to use for the next 40-plus years," Rohn said.

Education students get 'live' electronic portfolio capabilities

BY JACLYN GORSKI
STAFF WRITER

Students majoring in education will soon be seeing a new form of evaluation.

"Student assessment in all teacher education programs will move to a technology-based system," said Charles Rohn, dean of the college of education and professional studies. "The system will include the use of an electronic portfolio, which will allow students to organize and maintain files of all of their work throughout their career at Eastern and beyond."

"LiveText was chosen because of the extensive electronic services and opportunities that it can provide for students," Rohn said.

"Students will be able to use LiveText for lesson planning, assessment planning, presentations and teaching, as well as for their own professional portfolios," said Patricia Poulter, professor and chair of the student teaching department.

LiveText has been chosen by many two- and four-year universities such as Northern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Rohn said.

This will allow students to keep the materials they have submitted into electronic portfolios when the student changes schools.

"Students are also provided an extensive electronic format for a showcase portfolio that can assist in job applications," Rohn said.

Students will be able to incorporate a variety of artifacts into their personal portfolios, Poulter said.

The portfolios also will allow teacher candidates to show how they meet professional teaching standards.

Poulter said some of the benefits of the portfolio are including clean data collection, consistency of assessment tools used and the ability to collect and interpret data in a timely manner.

The new assessment system will also help Eastern maintain state and

national accreditation by the Illinois State Board of Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, Rohn said.

"Effective curriculum is not possible without effective assessments in place," Poulter said.

Students are also required to purchase a software license in order to use LiveText.

Eastern has negotiated with LiveText in order for the licenses to be available at the University Bookstore at \$69 until March 1. After that, the price will go up to \$79, Rohn said. Students can also buy the licenses for \$79 directly from LiveText, Poulter said.

Students will also have the chance to attend training sessions on using the electronic portfolio, which will begin early in the spring semester of 2005, Rohn said. In August of 2005, the full implementation of the program to all candidates enrolled in the education programs will take place.

Shaving away reading problem

Elementary teacher lets students shave his head if they meet literacy goal

BY HILLARY SETTLE
CAMPUS EDITOR

John Wondergem, a senior elementary education major who has been student teaching at Carl Sandburg Elementary School, said he was nervous before letting his class of third graders shave his head Thursday morning.

"I feel like I'm getting ready for an electric chair execution," he said as he placed a chair in the middle of the third grade classroom while his students crowded around cheering. "If we're lucky the power will go out."

Brenden Worfel was one of the five children selected to shave Wondergem's head. He said the students were selected on a point system of who had scored the most points last week in the reading counts program, which is what initiated

Wondergem letting the students shave his head in the first place.

Wondergem gave the class an incentive to earn more points in the districtwide reading counts program and told the third grade class that if it reached the goal of 200 points, he would allow students to shave his head.

"I figured if I gave them something exciting to attach reading to then it's going to promote their desire to read, and the more that they read and the better they get at reading, the more they're going to want to read," Wondergem said.

David Carey, principal of Carl Sandburg, said he thought Wondergem's efforts with the children throughout the semester have been great.

"I think the children have really enjoyed working with him and I'm not surprised that he would be the (person) to do this," he said. "It is a good way to motivate the kids to read. I hope they will keep that in mind and continue reading and develop that important habit of reading."

Gary Francis, Wondergem's cooperative teacher, said the students were very

excited prior throughout the morning.

"It was hard to keep them settled down until 9 o'clock," he said.

Wondergem said the experience was very worthwhile.

"I think the kids really enjoyed it," he said.

He said he liked his new haircut.

Wondergem is currently working on more incentives to get the students to beat last week's reading record.

Worfel said he has a goal in mind.

"We're going for 500 (points) so he has to wear a tutu," he said.

Carey said the benefits Carl Sandburg gets through Eastern's student teaching program is very valuable.

"The practicum experience here at Carl Sandburg is a real important part of our program," he said. "I think the benefit that we receive by having Eastern students here is tremendous."

Wondergem said he has enjoyed student teaching this semester and he has learned a lot.

"I've had an excellent experience with student teaching," he said. "I've been very blessed to work with these kids this year."

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COLUMN

Not worrying about being Cinderella



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Marriage has never been a priority of mine. It is something I have always envisioned as a worry for down the road, but for other college students down the road is now.

A friend of mine on campus married this past summer, and a best friend of mine from back home is currently engaged in addition to the numerous engagements and marriages of former friends I hear about. Counting back, my own parents married at 19 and started having children at 21. Times have changed, but has marrying after high school just shifted to marrying out of college?

Currently I am taking a communication and conflict management course, and one aspect of the course focuses on conflict with romantic partners. The more areas the conflict exhibited in romantic relationships the course explores, the less enticing the concept of marriage seems.

Prince Charming doesn't tell Cinderella he gets tired of her and she doesn't whine that they don't spend enough time together.

One of the hardest parts of growing up is arriving at the realization that fairy tales are just that. The childlike innocence and naive interpretation of how the world works slowly diminishes as we mature, and we are left to cope with reality. Inevitably, conflict is a part of interaction, whether within relationships with romantic partners, family, friends or in the workplace.

Marriage was never something I feared, but exploring all the conflicts and management devices to correct problems is enough to swallow, let alone the startling statistic of marriage success rates, the predictors of divorce and the dimensions of interpersonal relationships.

I viewed marriage as a task I'd complete once I was done living my own life. The reward for giving up bachelorhood would not be a transformation of my surroundings into an enchanted kingdom, but certainly not a never-ending life struggle.

One unnerving point brought up in class discussion is that we live longer now, so in marriage you are signing up for the next 50 or 60 years. Committing to the same dentist is hard enough, let alone decades of marital bliss. However, times have changed since the days our parents started their lives together.

The education and lifestyles of our generation in majority are very different from that of our parents generation.

Men and women have grown in equality.

More causes for or types of conflict may arise from the growth in independence and equality with our generation, but more independence also depletes other conflicts or restrictions that lead to conflicts.

Having more experiences and opportunities makes people more sure of what they want, who they are and how and what they want out of life.

In addition, techniques for identifying, approaching and managing conflict are expanding and evolving as well as therapists and counselors performing studies and working with couples directly. For example, the Four Horseman is a series of specific conversational strategies if allowed to pervade interaction will kill a relationship.

Research discussed in class indicated that 84 percent of newlywed couples high on Four Horseman use, but stable in repair attempts were still married six years later.

This is a great improvement in comparison to numerous divorce statistics. Benefits of sharing your life with someone vary with each relationship.

Though I encourage the concept of promoting single female empowerment shows like Sex & The City exhibit, being independent is glamorous, not necessarily being a spinster. When love happens, it happens. It may not be perfect and may hit you at any age.

Like many other challenges in life, commitment is scary. Marriage isn't a necessity in life, but it also isn't the kill all of independent existence I once viewed it to be.

Some may have different interpretations of what marriage entails or disagree with its concept, but you can't plan your life on a time line no more than you can turn a pumpkin into a stage coach and ride into the sunset.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KATE GILLEN



EDITORIAL

Is anybody still out there?

The mass exodus of Charleston has already begun. Students anxious to get home and enjoy their Thanksgiving recess packed up their dirty laundry and traveled through the night to get to their respective homes, forgetting all about whatever classes they were supposed to be in today.

Too many students try to extend holiday weekends. They ask instructors to cancel class the day before a long weekend. They ditch classes, turning a three-day weekend into a four-day weekend or in Thanksgiving recess' case a 10-day break or more.

This is not to say every student on campus neglects their academic duty. Many students stay for all their classes, even if they might be hoping for extra credit just for showing up on the day before a break.

But far too many don't stay for classes, and it disrupts the learning process before and after the break. It's not just the students lobbying for an extra day off. It's also the instructors that do hold classes before breaks that have to go over the same material they covered before the break to help the students that didn't think going to class was

At issue

Students leaving early for Thanksgiving recess.

Our stance

Students already have a week long break, so they shouldn't ditch class to go home early.

worth their time.

Students need to remember one thing when they ditch classes before break – they are paying for an education at Eastern. They are not just paying for a degree in whatever their chosen field happens to be. When they ditch class they are throwing away their money, or their parents money, or the state's money depending on how students pay for their education.

The old expression goes: "you give someone an inch and they take a mile" holds true in this situation. Eastern used to have a much shorter Thanksgiving recess. Students would ditch classes before the break so the university decided to extend the recess, in theory making everyone

happy. But students still want to take off early despite having an ample break from classes.

For those of you who bothered to stay for your classes today, we congratulate you on your hard work. For those who will not read this because they are already long gone, start taking your education a little more seriously.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT AT THE HUNGER BANQUET

On behalf of the Haiti Connection, I would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Hunger Banquet. We had more than 250 people in attendance.

I would also like to thank everyone who donated, including RSOs, businesses, students and community members.

We raise more than \$1,790, and 80 percent of the money will go directly to projects in Haiti, and 20 percent

will go to the Charleston Food Pantry.

The Hunger Banquet is set up to show people the reality of how food is distributed around the world. The World Hunger Web site stated, "The wealthiest people of the world's population consume 86 percent of all food and services, while the poorest fifth consumes 1 percent."

The Hunger Banquet wasn't set up to make people feel guilty about themselves, but rather it was about recognizing the realities of hunger throughout the world.

It also allowed people to see the

world from a new perspective, a viewpoint that billions see everyday.

If anyone would like more information on how to end world hunger, call 348-0188. If anyone is interested in getting involved in Haiti Connection, we have weekly meetings at 8 p.m. at the Newman Center.

SHANNON FINN
 CHAIR OF THE HUNGER BANQUET
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GED exams offered to Coles County

By LINDSEY DUNTON
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

The Regional Office of Education will be offering the General Education Development test in two weeks.

John McNary, regional superintendent of schools, has set two-evening sessions for 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 and 30 at the Mattoon-Area Adult Education Center and a one-day session exam for 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 11. In addition, a two-day session will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 14 at Arthur High School, at 301 E. Colombia St. in Arthur.

A \$35 application fee is required at the time of registration.

"During the 2003 calendar year, there were 288 individuals who tested and 201 received a passing score," Oakley said. "For this year up to Nov. 1, we have had 240 tests with 167 passing."

People interested in taking the GED

exam must be 18 years or older and be a residence of Illinois. The individual's class must have graduated from high school.

Individuals who are 17 years old may be able to take the exam if they are: a pregnant female or a mother, a male that is a father, a confined inmate in the Illinois State Penitentiary or other county correctional facility or a member of the armed forces.

The GED test covers language arts, social studies, science and math. Additionally, the applicant must pass a U.S. Constitution, Illinois Constitution and Flag Code exam if he or she did not pass it in high school.

Eastern accepts students with GEDs. In addition to looking at the exams, Eastern also looks at the student's ACT score.

Applicants who feel that they need instruction prior to the exam may contact the Mattoon Adult Education Center or Lake Land College.

Editor of Asian radio station visits Eastern

By CHRIS WALDEN
STAFF WRITER

Tian Li, the senior news editor and feature writer for Radio Free Asia, will be visiting Eastern to talk to journalism students about the organization.

Radio Free Asia is a news organization created "to provide objective and balanced news for listeners throughout the world, specifically in China and Taiwan," said Les Hyder, journalism department chair.

Established by Congress in 1996, Radio Free Asia broadcasts news that listeners might not otherwise receive in their country, Hyder said.

"The United States is concerned that the people in China should have more than the government providing news to listen to," Hyder said.

Radio Free Asia also broadcasts to listeners in Burma, North Korea and Vietnam.

Although the U.S. government funds Radio Free Asia, its editorial content does not need to follow government controls.

Li, an Eastern alumnus, majored in political science and used to take classes under Ping Chen, one of Eastern's polit-

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LES HYDER, JOURNALISM CHAIR

ical science emeritus faculty who is coordinating Li's schedule of events for the week. Li obtained his bachelor's degree from China's Yellow River University.

"Mr. Li would bring insight of the attempts of Radio Free Asia to bring unbiased news to China," said Journalism Instructor John Johnson. "Li is working towards that end, and he's one of some well-known people at Eastern."

Li will be visiting journalism classes as well as giving an evening lecture concerning Asian views on foreign policy from 3 to 5 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 29 in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CONSEQUENCES:

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to loose credibility in other things they do.

To try and prevent academic dishonesty on campus, the Judicial Affairs Office informs other teachers when a student has been caught cheating. A form is sent to all other professors the student currently has, but the name is not disclosed, Kohanzo said.

"This is just to inform professors that there is a student who has been caught cheating," he said. "The name of the student is not revealed; it just tells the professors to watch out for it."

Kohanzo recommended several strategies professors can use to try and reduce academic dishonesty in classes.

"Rough drafts and outlines help cut down on plagiarism" he said. "These

force the students to do their own work."

Kohanzo said there is new software that detects plagiarism and is a new invention that helps faculty detect when a student's work is not their own. If a paper is turned in on a disk, the text can be put through a program that detects any part of the paper that could be plagiarized, he said.

Kohanzo said Eastern is an active institutional member of the Center for Academic Integrity along with 200 other universities, which means the university has access to the software designed to detect plagiarism.

"It's basically about respecting the conduct code," he said. "The conduct code tries to tell students to think before cheating so they may avoid the punishments they may be faced with."

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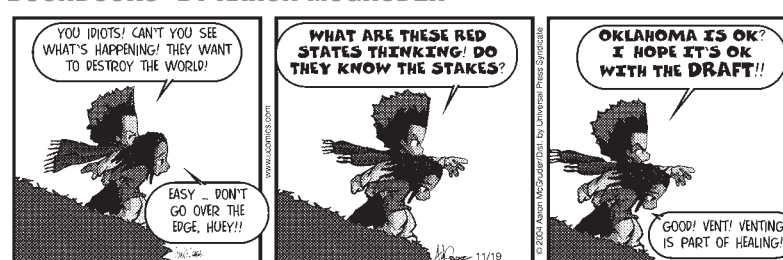
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Opener debuts new coach

BY MARCUS JACKSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern women's basketball team will open the season tonight with a game against St. Francis (Joliet) in Lantz Arena.

Although this is his first regular season game as a head coach, Brady Sallee said the first game jitters haven't gotten to him yet.

"We've been so caught up in our

regular day-to-day mode that I haven't really focused on that too much," Sallee said.

The Lady Saints (0-3) are led by junior guard Kelly Pero. Pero is averaging 10.7 points per game and is shooting 46 percent from the field.

"They like to play a post-to-wing game," Sallee said. "They like to get it inside, and they have a girl (Pero) that can really shoot it."

The Panthers will continue to focus

on improving their defense, and Sallee is looking for the guards to continue to set the tone for the rest of the team.

"(Megan) Sparks must continue to be aggressive and be our leader out there," Sallee said. "We need her to continue to bring energy and intensity to the table along with Sarah Riva. We also are going to need our point guards to step up and be more consistent."

According to Sallee, senior Pam O'Connor, last season's leading scorer,

is going to be a game-time decision following off-season knee surgery.

"Pam started practicing earlier this week and is progressing nicely," he said. "We won't make a decision on her status until closer to game-time."

Sallee doesn't see much of a drop off in production in O'Connor's absence because of the play of his other post players.

"Janelle Cazy and Meagan Scaggs have really benefited from Pam not

being around," Sallee said. "We are running the same system as we would if Pam were in there, and they have really done a good job of filling in."

Sallee said it is important for his team to focus on itself in these early games.

"In order for us to do what we want to do, we must focus on ourselves as a team and get ourselves in order," he said. The game is Friday at 5:15 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern gambling on Prairie State

The Panthers welcome their final exhibition opponent to Lantz this weekend

BY JOHN HOENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

The head coach of the Illinois-Springfield, Kevin Gamble, just

turned 39 Nov. 13. Even though he's young, he is not inexperienced in the game of basketball.

Gamble played two years of college basketball at Iowa. After he graduated, Gamble was drafted by the Portland Trailblazers in 1988.

He played one season with Portland and then was traded to the Boston Celtics in his second year in the NBA. Gamble spent six years with the Miami Heat and one year with the Sacramento Kings.

In Gamble's 649 games played in the NBA, he averaged 9.5 points per game.

Now Gamble has moved onto coaching the Prairie Stars of Illinois-Springfield, Gamble's hometown.

Eastern's Head Coach Rick Samuels got some information on the style of the Prairie Stars' play. He believes Gamble will be relying on the offense he ran at Iowa which is a variation of the flex.

"They'll play an up tempo game, and they'll pressure the ball," Samuels said.

The Prairie Stars are 2-2 in four exhibition games so far, and Johnny Tate has

stood out averaging 23 points per game.

Tate is listed as a guard but Samuels expects him to play down low.

Even though Illinois-Springfield is in the NAIA as opposed to the NCAA, Samuels expects a challenging game.

It may take a little more than a small team being pumped to win this game. Prairie State's average height is just over six-foot-three.

"They don't have great size," Samuels said.

The Panthers' average height is just over an inch more than the Prairie Stars.

This will be the Panthers last exhibition game before they head to DePaul next Tuesday. Even though they are playing a tough DePaul team, they are not looking past their last exhibition game or taking the Prairie Stars lightly.

Samuels said he will use this last exhibition game to get everyone playing time to see what kind of progress they have made up to this point.

The game is scheduled for 7:35 tonight, and because of Thanksgiving break Samuels is concerned about what the attendance will be like.

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	Volleyball at OVC Semifinal Match in Richmond, KY	1 p.m.
SUNDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT LOYOLA (CHICAGO)	7 p.m.
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FOOTBALL

One more chance



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior tailback Brandon Robinson catches a pass for a touchdown against Jacksonville State Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Eastern travels to Alabama to play Samford this weekend for its last game of the season.

Eastern hopes to improve record from last year in final game of season

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern travels to Birmingham, Ala., Saturday to play Samford in its season finale.

The Panthers (3-4, 4-6) are hoping to end their season on a high note after losing their last two games. The Bulldogs (3-4, 4-6) are back for their final game as well, after having a bye last week.

"There are a lot of incentives to win this game," Eastern Head Coach Bob Spoo said. "We have a chance to win and beat our record of last year."

Each of these team's last loss came against Jacksonville State, a team that is at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference. Eastern lost to the Gamecocks 31-21 while Samford lost to them 51-18.

Senior quarterback Ray Nelson and wide receiver Efrern Hill lead the Bulldogs. Nelson is second in the OVC in passing yards per game (260) and first in the conference in total offense per game (338). Nelson is also the Bulldogs' leading rusher, averaging 78 yards per game. Hill is the OVC leader

in receptions per game (6.8) and receiving yards per game (96).

"(Nelson or Hill) could be an MVP for the league," Spoo said. "Nelson does so much for the team. He's a smart guy, and he makes that offense run."

"He's a threat we can only hope to slow down."

While Samford may have two of the most prolific offensive players in the conference Samford Head Coach Bill Gray knows his team can't rely on its offense to win the game.

"We haven't put a lot of points on the board in the last couple weeks," Gray said. "I don't see us putting up a lot of points. If we go in trying to outscore people it's not a good sign."

Gray knows that he will need a strong performance from his defense if he

"(The Panthers) have so many shifts and move around pre-snap; it's tough to stay with."

BILL GRAY, SAMFORD HEAD COACH

hopes to beat Eastern. The Bulldogs are last in the OVC in rushing, allowing 246 yards per game, and the Panthers are averaging 158 yards on the ground per game.

"We need to take advantage of (their rush defense)," Spoo said. "If we can run the ball we can control the game."

And despite the poor play of the Samford defense against the rush, Gray isn't just focusing on that one aspect.

"The running game is just the beginning of what they can do," Gray said. "Their quarterback (Matt Schabert) can spread the ball around to a lot of players, so we can't key on one man. They have so many shifts and move around pre-snap; it's tough to stay with."

VOLLEYBALL

Postseason play on the horizon

BY DAN WOIKE
STAFF WRITER

The Panther volleyball team is two matches and six games away from dancing.

The team heads to Eastern Kentucky Saturday for the 2004 O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Volleyball Tournament with the winner of the six-team affair earning the conference's bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The second-seeded Panthers (24-4)

face the winner of third-seed Jacksonville State (20-8) and six-seed Morehead State (9-19) in the semifinals Sunday at 1 p.m.

Panther Head Coach Brenda Winkler said her team is ready for the mental challenges presented by playing a single-elimination tournament.

"The whole season, I can confidently say that we practice harder mentally than any team we've played," Winkler said.

The mental toughness will help the

Panthers react positively to the added pressure instead of causing the team to play timid, sophomore outside hitter Kara Sorenson said.

"We're going to play like we have nothing to lose," she said.

Losing is something the Panthers weren't accustomed to during the OVC season. The only blemish on their 15-1 conference record came at the hands of the tournament's host and top seed, the Eastern Kentucky Colonels (25-4).

"We want Eastern Kentucky,"

Sorenson said.

Regardless of who the Panthers face in the semifinals, they won't meet a team they've faced twice in the tournament, if the Colonels advance as expected.

Winkler said seeing opponents who her team hasn't seen too often should benefit the Panthers.

But most of the Panthers haven't seen the postseason.

Senior outside hitter Erica Gerth, the OVC's Player of the Year, said the team's lack of experience in postseason

play won't be a factor, but playing in the postseason is a different experience. Eastern last appeared and won the OVC Tournament in 2001, Gerth and senior middle blocker Shanna Ruser's freshman year.

"I don't think the rest of the team is going to feel it until they get to the gym," Gerth said. "Simply, we have to bring our A game, or we'll be going home earlier than we want to."

But, if the Panthers do play at their best, they may not be headed home. They may be dancing.